# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SPACE
# LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF ORISSA IN EDUSAT PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Department of Space for networking with the Edusat and select Orissa as one of the two pilot States to be covered under Edusat programme by ISRO;

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;

(c) if so, the Government has a proposal to include the 8 KBK districts on priority basis; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) A pilot project is operational in Orissa for satellite based education and development communication.

(c) The KBK districts are already included on priority basis under Gramsat Project.

(d) Eight hundred and eighty five villages of KBK region have been provided Direct Reception Sets (DRS) and they are receiving evening broadcasts and day time training Programmes.

All districts and Block Headquarters have been provided with V-SAT connectivity for E-governance.